Andhra Pradesh Government's request for financing of roads and bridges constructions by floating bonds for loans

1030. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have requested the Central Government for granting permission to the State to float loans for financing road and bridge constructions; and

(b) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) A suggestion in this effect has been received.

(b) The present scheme of public sector bonds is confined to Central Public Sector Undertakings.

Target for steel production for 1990-91

1031. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target of steel production in the country fixed for the year 1990-91; and

(b) whether any short fall is expected and if so, what are the details of proposals to meet the short fall?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) During 1990-91 estimated production of finished steel is 14.30 million tonnes.

(b) Some gap between demand and availability is expected in some categories of iron and steel. The gap is proposed to be filled through imports, to the extent possible, depending upon availability of foreign exchange.

Grant of subsidy to cardamom growers for the purchase of fertilizers

1032. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the cardamom growers are facing a lot of problems for want of subsidy for purchase of fertilizers; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in the matter.

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government has not received any such information. The Spices Board does not have any schemes for subsidised supply of fertilizers to cardamom growers, nor is there any such proposal.

Central aid to Tamil Nadu for the development of places of pilgrimage

1033. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have given any aid to the Tamil Nadu Government for development of places of pilgrimage in the State; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?